GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2003
WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES IN PANCHAYATI RAJ
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women empowerment in Panchayati Raj is a successful feature in India;

(b) if so, the total number of elected women representatives who are functioning in Panchayati Raj in India;

(c) the details of basic education being provided to the Gram Pradhans and other representatives; and

(d) the percentage of SCs/STs population and women in various Panchayats in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a)&(b) For empowerment of women, 1/3rd seats have been reserved for women at all the three levels of Panchayats in India. As per the information available, the total number of elected women representatives in Panchayti Raj Institutions in India is eight lakh ninety thousand and six hundred and five out of a total of twenty one lakh eighty six thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

(c) The Gram Pradhans and other elected members of Panchayati Raj Institutions(PRIs) are being provided training to enable them to discharge their roles and responsibility. Such training includes giving them basic knowledge about various legal provisions relating to the functioning of PRIs, and roles and responsibilities of PRIs.

(d) As per the provisions under article 243 D of the Constitution, seats for SCs and STs in Panchayats are reserved in proportion to their population. For women the reservation is 1/3rd of the total seats. State-wise picture of elected SC, ST and Women elected representatives is given in the Annexure.

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) for Lok Sabha unstarred question No. 3067to be answered on 23.12.2003

Annexure

State-wise Number of Panchayati Raj Institutions in three tiers and its elected Representatives showing breakup into SC, ST and Women

(A) Elected Members of Panchayats

S.N	Name of State/UT	Gram Panchayat(GP)					Intermediate Panchayat(IP)					District Panchayat(DP)				
		No. of G.P.	No. of elected representatives				No. of I.P.	No. of elected representatives				No. of D.P.	No. of elected representatives			
			Gen.	SC.	ST	Women	Total		Gen.	SC	ST	Women	Total		Gen.	SC	ST	Women	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	21913	160386	31243	16662	68736	208291	1095	10938	2586	1093	4919	14617	22	812	196	87	364	1095
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1747@@	@@	@@	@@		6260	150@@	@@	@@	@@	1615	15@@	@@	@@	@@		138	Excluding Tirap Dist.
3	Assam	2153	14060	782	778	7851	15620	187	1236	80	86	746	1402	20	236	19	18	117	273
4	Bihar	8471	96513	18650	866	40553	116029	531	9661	1859	91	4065	11611	38	966	187	9	410	1162
5	Chhattisgarh	9139	56481	15532	52198	41913	124211	146	1259	318	1062	906	2639	16	152	30	112	95	274
6	Goa	190	982	0	0	457	982@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		2	33	0	0	17	33
7	Gujarat	13819	56028	9895	17290	40985	83213	225	1953	265	550	1393	2768	25	390	39	115	275	544
8	Haryana	6034	42800	11846	0	18356	54646	114	1879	551	0	842	2430	19	247	67	0	109	314
9	Himachal Pradesh	3037	12657	4898	994	6822	18549	75	1108	437	113	562	1658	12	165	65	21	87	251
10	Jharkhand	3746@	@	@	@	@		211@	@	@	@	@		22@	@	@	@	@	
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2683#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	#	
12	Karnataka	5659	31051	14871	7499	35922	53421	175	1335	583	244	1375	2162	27	379	158	54	339	591
13	Kerala	991	6802	1487	169	4801	8458	152	803	188	18	629	1009	14	165	33	4	105	202
14	Madhya Pradesh	22029	119313	32585	56458	106491	208356	313	2476	682	1139	2159	4297	45	286	78	122	248	486
15	Maharashtra	28553	118996	26824	31826	77548	178132	349	1902	447	528	1407	2877	33	931	225	267	658	1423
16	Manipur	166	1025	38	48	611	1111@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		4	36	1	2	22	39
17	Orissa	6234	49568	14930	23049	31414	87547	314	3498	1025	1704	2188	6227	30	496	139	219	296	854
18	Punjab	12445	33280	15580	0	27108	48860	140	1141	526	0	813	1667	17	130	60	0	89	190
19	Rajasthan	9189	70027	24129	20126	39450	114282	237	3434	968	855	1908	5257	32	653	191	164	364	1008
20	Sikkim	159	571	39	263	322	873@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		4	50	6	36	29	92
21	Tamil Nadu	12618	51155	19301	821	26181	71277	385	3384	1369	47	1770	4800	29	341	139	3	173	483
22	Tripura	537	2757	876	157	1895	3790	23	100	78	15	106	193	4	28	22	4	28	54
23	Uttar Pradesh	52028	293868	83443	207	230865	377518	813	25530	7743	17	18580	33290	71	1025	313	0	788	1338
24	Uttaranchal	7227	237793	5378	703	18041	243874	95	1807	241	44	1133	2092	13	193	28	5	119	226
25	West Bengal	3360	22586	13645	3472	11497	39703	333	3669	2383	604	1923	6656	18	314	202	51	156	567
26	A&N Islands	67	498	0	0	261	498	7	42	0	0	25	42	1	20	0	0	10	20
27	Chandigarh	17	135	27	0	55	162	1	11	4	0	6	15	1	7	3	0	3	10
28	D&N Haveli	11	4	2	118	45	124@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		1	0	0	12	4	12
29	Daman & Diu	10	33	1	12	17	46@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		1	12	0	3	10	15
30	Lakshadweep	10	0	0	49	30	49@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@	@@@		1	0	0	14	8	14
31	Pondicherry	98@	@	@	@	@	10@	@	@	@	@	@	@	@	@	@	@	@	
	Total	234340	1479369	346002	233765	838227	2065882	6081	77166	22333	8210	47455	109324	537	8067	2201	1322	4923	11708

Meghalaya, Mizoram & Nagaland have Traditional Councils.

@ = Elections to the Local bodies are yet to be conducted.
@@@ = Intermediate Panchayat does not exist (2 Tier)
NCT of Delhi - Panchayati Raj System is yet to be revived
@@ = Panchayat Elections held on 2/4/03 except in Tirap District. Detailed information is awaited.
# = Has not adopted the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992